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MEMORANDUM FOR: ✓ Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Acting Deputy Director of Intelligence

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FROM: [redacted]  
Chief, Arms Control Intelligence Staff

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SUBJECT: Nominees for Chairmen of the JAEIC [redacted]

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1. This "fast-track" memorandum is for your information, unless you need further work from me on this subject. [redacted]

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2. A few days ago you asked me for my views about nominees to be Chairman of the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee. [redacted]

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3. I understand that OSWR has recommended [redacted] of OSWR to be Chairman. I believe he is an excellent choice, for the reasons described in the next paragraph, and because I know him fairly well. I also think that [redacted] C/NED/OSWR, could do the job--he is tough enough but he has less experience on nuclear topics. [redacted]

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4. I recognize that DIA may have someone equally qualified; if so, fine. But I doubt it. [redacted]

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5. I believe very strongly that you have to have the very best chairman of this specific committee that we can find. In my view, the Chairmen of such committees as JAEIC and WSSIC should have the following credentials:

- Be an honest, tough person, with vision, who will "run" the committee so that the US government will get substantively complete material and the committee would function in fact.
- Technically qualified in their field (thus, to be Ch/JAEIC, an individual would have to have credentials in the nuclear intelligence field).
- Be a professional intelligence officer, with experience in as many of the basic disciplines of this profession as possible (examples are collection, processing, etc.)
- Be in line management, rather than an independent entity outside management and capable of causing problems and not responding to tasking.

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Given where we are on nuclear testing matters, and how we got there, I believe it important that the next chairman of JAEIC get from you -- and be seen to get from you -- your moral support and interest in his work. This is not a suggestion that this individual report to you directly but only that observers within the Intelligence Community, and the Executive Branch generally, come to see that this person's work has your support. [REDACTED]

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6. Based on these criteria, I doubt that DOE will have anyone who has a hope of doing the job. Even if they did, my inclination is that it would be a mistake to put a chairman in from DOE because DOE has a vested interest in what this committee does and DOE in fact reacts to DoD pressure. [REDACTED]

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7. Similarly, DoD; that is, a Chairman from the non-intelligence portions of DoD would be a mistake. A Chairman from DIA has some hope of being effective. But I am skeptical that there is any hope that this individual could do honest work. DoD will exert too much pressure on a DoD chairman from DIA. I grant that there are exceptions here, [REDACTED]

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8. My feeling is that there is a connection between the duty of being Ch/JAEIC and your Nuclear Intelligence Panel. Frankly, I don't know what that language is, but I trust that D/SWR and the DDI have advised you about that connection. [REDACTED]

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9. I hope this is helpful, but I recognize that it may make your job harder. If there is more I can do to assist you here, please call. [REDACTED]

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